



**Outside Counsel  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 14  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 01/26/2006  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve an amendment to the legal services agreement with RENEA HICKS in *Travis County et al. v. Rick Perry, et al.*, Cause No. 05-254, in the United States Supreme Court in an amount not to exceed \$23,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$81,000. (concerns congressional redistricting)

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$23,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Economic Development Fund.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING Law  
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION: Anne Morgan**

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Council approved extension on October 20, 2005.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

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This amendment increases the amount of the contract with Renea Hicks for legal services concerning a challenge to the recent congressional redistricting of Texas, including Austin.

The Law Department contracted with Mr. Hicks on November 7, 2003. The original contract amount was \$30,000; administrative approval was granted on April 26, 2004 in the amount of \$10,000, and on November 23, 2004 in the amount of \$5,000, for a total amount of \$45,000, under the department's administrative authority. Council approved an additional increase in an amount of \$12,500 on October 20, 2005. Afterwards, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case. Council approval is now sought in the amount of \$23,500 to pay legal fees for appellate briefing in the lawsuit, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$81,000.